

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

September 6, 2011 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Administrative Items

Roll: Don and Georjean Jensen, John and Harriet Taylor, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Don Scovel, Doc Stokos, Uwe Werner, Mark Kukuchek, Sheri Todus, Andrew Valencia and Alan Sachrison.

Member to be appointed.

Item #1: Minutes. Approved. Motion Rick, seconded Uwe, unanimous.

Item #2: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes and no action can be taken.

Rick mentioned that he had received a phone call from a supposed relative asking for money. Beware as this is a new scam. John mentioned that was the second one he'd heard of in three days.

Item #3: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Greg Cox's office gave this presentation:

The SR125 item before the Board is going quickly, mostly because of resident's comments. The mention of 'Toll Avoidance Syndrome' went a long way.

John T mentioned that the toll could be free for x length of time then raised. That might bring in people again.

Michael Long is here tonight. We can ask him.

Doc mentioned that if SR152 was free there might be a lot of traffic there.

Under public ownership, the road will still have to pay it's debt to be free. If enough people use the road, it will be free faster.

Alan S. reported that on the SR54 turnoff to Briarwood he can see some lights at night that strike him right in the eyes as he makes the turn. Can anything be done? It 's westbound SR54 to Southbound Briarwood.

There was a mention about the lot, abandoned house on San Miguel Road where the trailer was in back. There appears to be a lot of furniture there now.

Out of order Item 12: And now to Redistricting: Several areas were erased from the Supervisor's district, among them; Loma Portal, 94 next to Encanto, and part of Point Loma. None of the South Bay has been changed. This is because of the staff requirement that the districts be 51% minority. The changes go into effect thirty days after the second meeting.

John T mentioned that changing minority for majority in population does not necessarily change voting. Voting overall and voting rights are not the same.

Item #4: Presentation by County on fencing along Sweetwater and Quarry Road. Action item.

Michael Long presented this: The fencing along Sweetwater Road and Quarry is part of the Smaller Loop Trail which goes around the Bonita Golf Course.

This fencing was constructed from Lodgepole Pine along the pathway section by DPW and Parks and Rec. completed in April. Twelve properties complained that the four segmented sections obstructed their 200 ft. allowed sight distance South from Quarry Road along Sweetwater.

The solutions presented were: a. Do nothing: b. move the bike lane 1 foot forward toward the center of the road.

The request of Planning Group: To request that the 14 foot trail be narrowed to eleven feet; and lower fence to two and one half feet to remove the sight-distance issue.

Uwe so motioned, Doc seconded. Unanimous.

Out of order, Item 13: Willow Street Bridge update:

A negative declaration and a mitigation declaration were sent to the appropriate people. There are a few concerns still to be addressed,

among them the environmental impact, the wastewater disposal, and the trail access. Parks and Recreation read the document and agreed that the Trail could continue under the bridge during development.

The city of Chula Vista is addressing this.

Don S asked about the sidewalk. He said there were no plans to put up some sort of barrier between the sidewalk and the traffic.

John R told us that the bridge remaining could not be changed in any way right now because it contained lead paint. The current plan is to build a new section of the new bridge while leaving the old one intact, then move traffic to the new section dismantle the old bridge and construct the second section.

Doc mentioned that he had seen people measuring and trimming vegetation at the Sweetwater end of the bridge.

Alan asked for the dedication plaque from the old bridge to be donated to the Bonita Museum. Also noted at this time Tom Plockington wanted whatever sections of the bridge which were available to sell for the museum.

Uwe asked about the start if the build and where the funding had been identified. The start is 2013, the money is already obtained.

Item #5: Park Land Dedication Ordinance funds annual recommendations of funds. Action item.

Gustavo Godoy came and told us we now have \$117 Thousand dollars in the budget and eight projects from last year.

Mark K spoke about being frustrated in attempts to learn what if anything we can use the money for. As several of the projects we want to use these funds for are not allowed. We have not been informed of this despite several attempts to learn this. He said that he would be glad to speak to anyone with knowledge of this.

Our project list is:

1. Remove the lock and chain across the trail by Uwe's place.
2. Install lodge-pole fencing along Sweetwater Road along the Stephanie Rossi Trail from the Pinery to Morrison Pond staging area.
3. Install fencing to prohibit unauthorized traffic at the Western Staging Area.
4. Obtain user amenities such as picnic tables, barbecues and rest areas at Morrison Pond.

5. Install an equestrian, biker, and hiker challenge course at Morrison Pond on the unused land.
6. Gate Conduit Trail to keep cars off the trail
7. Install a rest area by branch trail.
8. The Western Gateway to Willow Street Bridge improvement is waiting for a State contract.

Liz made the motion that we change the date on this request and resubmit it to the appropriate people. John T seconded.

Gustavo asked where we wanted the money to go and we agreed that it was to be split between all the requests.

Vote: unanimous.

Michael De La Rosa stated that as to item one, he and a representative of the County Water Authority walked the trail and contacted the Director. Apparently there is a developmental challenge on their end. The Water Authority needs compensation, fair or reasonable to create an ordinance for the easement.

Apparently, whenever two public entities try to help the public there raises the issue of compensation. The County is trying to find an answer at this time.

Item #6: Election of new Member.

Karen Henry's name was once again put forth.

Rick B. Move to approve. Liz seconded.

This action has been taken because Muriel didn't attend the required meetings and was disqualified.

Motion carried unanimously.

A mention was made that Martha McDonald passed recently. She was a friend of Gretchen Burkey.

Item #7: SR 125 toll road update. Action item.

The situation is that SanDag is trying to purchase this road.

There are two options in this, option A and B. Option B allows for a toll reduction of 50%.

Harriet went to a meeting and saw a slide show about this. It was well presented and made sense. The non-competition clause could

be abandoned if Sandag gets the road. One real advantage is that if the road can become paying, Interstate 805 might not have to be expanded.

Item #8: Ammendments to county General Plan I-63 policy. Action Item.

The Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission Planning Manager have asked for a meeting. Steve and Liz will attend as part of the Steering Committee.

Planning Group's contention is that County is not sending relevant information to the Group timely enough to get their feedback. That by doing this, they are taking the Group's authority away.

Doc motioned that Steve and Liz be allowed to go and state this to the County. Uwe seconded. Unanimous.

Item #9: Sweetwater Authority/Otay Water District Pipeline at Frisbie and Central. Action Item.

Steve and Liz attended a scoping meeting by the Otay Water District concerning the placing of a new water pipeline across the Sweetwater Valley. As there were only five people at the meeting, we tried to get as much information out of them as possible, concerning the size of the pipes, the swale, the equestrian impact as they want to cross two existing pathways, and the traffic impact.

The bottom line is that they are out to see what people think, but don't seem to have a real plan yet. They do want to go down Sweetwater, across the pathway at Quarry, down across the river and up Conduit. They want to put a pumping station by the river under the Bridge. From Conduit they want to go up San Miguel to the Ames Ranch pathway and down that, across the drainage ditch and up Corral Canyon to East H Street.

Georjean mentioned that if there is right-of-way available all the fighting in the world won't stop a water company.

Item#10: Reimbursement for expenses (P.O.Box). Action Item.

Harriet asked for \$191 in Post Office Box rental fees from July 31st. Rick, So motioned. Uwe seconded. Unanimous. 11 voting.

Item #11: State mandated training. When you have finished the online training, please give the certificates to Harriet.

Item#12: tabled.

Item #13: taken out of turn.

Item#14: Update-Equine Code, Summit Park and Bonita Pet Hospital signage:

Bonita Pet Hospital letter sent to PLU which accepted it enabling them to go forward with their signage.

Mark stated that two corrals were put into the general use area with another four awaiting permission. They were awaiting a dig alert before digging for those.

The supervising ranger has stated that Summit Park has made more than 10K a day, the campsites are full and right now the water park is really used.

The lights from Summit Park are dimmer but still too bright.

Gustavo says the Park is trying to come up with money to plant trees to block the lights.

Item #15: Trails report.

Mark : A big thank you to all those who went to the Bridge Memorial dedication for Dave Phair. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Procter Valley Road project is stalled. There is money to close the road apparently, but not maintain it. As it is a road, the asphalt needs to be maintained, though the road will not be driven.

Van has been working tirelessly on the problem, and there appear to be several sources for the money.

Announcements:

Rick and Irene Blacklock won a 'power lunch' with Greg and Cheryl Cox from the Taste of Chula Vista.

He hopes to bring forth the issue of Allen School Lane to Allen School Road at 3:15 in the afternoon when parents come to pick up their children. It really creates a danger to the children, the drivers, and the residents of the area. Perhaps State school funds could be used to alleviate this issue?

Adjourned 8:45 pm

Next meeting: October 4, 2011 7PM, Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary.